

manifested in the sacrifice he made for its redemption. The value of your love to God and man must be estimated in the same way. The measure of sacrifice is the measure of love. Not what you *say* but what you *do* is the test of your love. Perhaps you pride yourself in being "sound in the faith and doctrine" of the Brethren church. But has it ever occurred to you what it means to be "sound in the doctrine?" It means vastly more than mere profession. Have you ever applied the above rule to determine how "sound" you really are? What have you done for the cause of the Brethren church? What sacrifices have you made to propagate the principles of these blessed doctrines which you profess to hold so dear? You may be able to converse intelligently and present unanswerable arguments in support of triune immersion, feet-washing and the Lord's Supper, but these count for nothing unless you have made some real sacrifice for the dissemination of these principles among those who know them not. The real test of your "soundness in the doctrine" is the heart sacrifice you have made and are making in behalf of these time-honored tenets of the Bible. Let this personal question come home to each heart: What sacrifice have I made for the cause of the Brethren church? How much of my fortune, my comfort, my pleasure, my amusement, my time, my talent, my heart, have I given to the cause which I profess to hold sacred? Here is the real test of the strength of your affection, the purity of your motive and the sincerity of your profession.

## Personal Mention.

The prayer meeting notes and hints by Brother Gillin, are proving quite helpful.

Brother Puterbaugh reports an accession at Lanark, Ill., Brother Livengood, pastor.

Sister Effie Brumbaugh tells how the S. S. C. E. may successfully aid the missionary cause.

Sabbath August 8, brother W. H. Miller expects to be with the brethren at Campbell, Mich.

Brother J. A. Miller and wife are spending a few weeks at Glenford, Ohio, visiting and preaching.

Brother J. W. Beer, Nickerson, Kan., is doing good work among his people, and doing it at a great sacrifice.

Brother J. M. Bowman contributes a very helpful outline Bible study taken from Ephesians. See "Our Bible School."

Brother J. R. Keller makes an earnest appeal in behalf of the Kanemorado District Conference to be held at Falls City, Neb.

Brother Talley has sent us the copy for the

topic cards for the year 1898. They will be printed and ready for sale at the conference.

The story "A Kind Heart" under the Home Circle department was written by the eleven year old daughter of Brother and Sister Worst, Ashland, Ohio.

We are in receipt of a very interesting communication from Sister Grossnickle since her return from California. It will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

Brother M. White, West Independence, answers the inquiry made a few weeks ago referring to the resolution passed at the Ohio conference, touching the temperance question. See elsewhere.

A letter from Brother Welty, Bryan, Ohio, states that he is getting along nicely in his work at that place and is hopeful of accomplishing good. He is looking up the interests of the EVANGELIST among his people.

Bro. J. L. Gillin in this issue makes an earnest plea for a good attendance at the Illikota Conference. Bro. Gillen is an earnest worker and his appeal to the people of that district should receive prayerful consideration.

We take the following from the *Mail*, a paper published at Hagerstown, Md.:—"Jesus Christ The King," was Rev. Zed. H. Copp's night theme, which was startling in thought and replete with fitting illustration. He took the ground that Christ is no less a King because we see him not, and cited cases where subjects were loyal to death for a ruler they knew not personally nor had ever seen. He drew a terrible picture of the culmination of the great war preparation going on among nations and then depicted in the liveliest and most pleasing colors the glorious reign on earth of the Prince of Peace. After the services were concluded the membership and many friends joined in good wishes to Mr. Copp for a pleasant vacation and a safe return. He leaves Wednesday for Northfield, Mass., to attend Moody's Bible school.

## Notes and Comments.

**Well Said**—*Ram's Horn* very truthfully says, "A sermon hasn't been preached until it has got into a few pairs of shoes and gone out on the street." The first pair of shoes into which the sermon should get is the pastor's. Not alone when he is behind the pulpit but when the sermon is delivered it ought to take feet early on Monday morning and keep going thro the whole week. Unless the pastor follows up his sermon during the week more than one half its otherwise effect will be lost. To accomplish their ends politicians do a great deal more than simply make speeches; that is only part of their work. They must get out among their people and give them the warm shake of the hand and there is where the power of the politician lies. Shall the minister of the Gospel be less wise than the politician? "A hint to the wise is sufficient."

**Where to Put it.**—If the Bible could be pasted across some people's mirror they would see it far more frequently than they do so. The Apostle James was right when he said that one beholding himself in a glass straightway forgetting what manner of looking person he is. If it were not so such people would not need to appear before the glass more than a dozen times a day to see what they look like. In the mirror you behold

your natural face, your outward appearance, but if you would know what you really look like in the sight of God go to the Bible and there you will see yourself as you are and not as you seem to be.

**A Good Law.**—Michigan has passed a law fixing a heavy penalty upon railroad companies for the employment of persons addicted to the use of intoxicants. Now let it be executed and let tipplers strike their true level, and learn that the man who uses strong drink is lowering his price in the labor market, and shutting doors of opportunity in his own face. The less money a rum drinker earns the less he has to spend in the saloon and the better it will be for him and his family.

**The Home.**—The preservation of the home means the preservation of society, the church, the state and the nation. Here is the foundation for all true reform. The purification of politics must begin in the home; the social question has its center in the home. As goes the home so goes society, the state, the nation and the church. The home is a sacred, a divine institution. God is its founder and he should be its ruler. Every organization in the land that militates against the home should be destroyed. The state has a right to preserve and protect the sacredness of the home even if it must be done by law. Our voice, our vote, our influence, should be for the home and against every enemy of the home. Dr. Parkhurst in his little book, "Talks to Young Women" very truthfully says:

The unit of society is the home. A bachelor is a dislocated fragment. His female counterpart is in the same category. It may not be their fault; it may lie in the necessity of the case. Still all in all, it is a condition reprobated by nature and foreign to divine intention. It is to the family, therefore, that we shall have to look as being the prime point of concern in all that relates to the weal of our times and our kind. The strength and health are to be measured by the amount of affectionate emphasis that is laid on the home idea; and the wholesomeness of society is simply the sanctity of the home writ large. Homes are each of them the separate roots that carry their several contributions to the organized structure of the general life. The home is the first church and the home is the first state.

**A Good Service.**—We fully agree with the *Youth's Companion* that President McKinley has done a great service in behalf of morality by refusing to pardon the reputed owner of a somewhat conspicuous newspaper, who has been sentenced to prison for publishing immoral advertisements. The harm that this man has done, or could do, is a matter of comparatively small moment; but there are many other men as unscrupulous as he, who would do for profit what he was doing, if they could do it and not wear convicts' stripes. Those will be deterred by the punishment that this man must bear. Newspapers are admitted to almost every home in the land. The most important requirement is that they should be kept clean.

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